

Appl. No. 09/212,726

REMARKS

Claims 60-62, 64 and 66 are pending in the application.

Claims 60-62, 64 and 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yieh, U.S. Patent No. 6,121,164. Applicant notes that the filing date of the Yieh patent is October 24, 1997. Although the actual filing date of the present application is December 15, 1998, the application resulted from a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/696,243 and therefore has an effective filing date of August 13, 1996. Accordingly, Yieh does not qualify as prior art with respect to the present application. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of claims 60-62, 64 and 66.

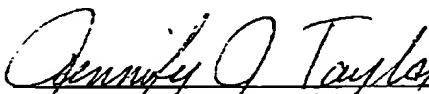
The present Action does not set forth any additional grounds of rejection. Accordingly, claims 60-62, 64 and 66 are allowable over the art of record. Applicant therefore respectfully requests formal allowance of pending claims 60-62, 64 and 66 in the Examiner's next action.

Respectfully submitted,

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